

Miller & Rhoads

Spring Opening To-Day.

Richmond women made up yesterday for the deprivation due to the rain earlier in the week.

Thousands of people were in the store all day looking at what everybody concedes to be the prettiest sight ever seen in a Richmond dry goods store.

Beautiful merchandise, set off by exquisite flowers and plants, makes the entire building a thing of beauty.

The goods displayed this week have never been equalled in the city for value and beauty at the prices.

The exhibition closes to-night. The value-giving will continue indefinitely.

Givenaud Silk Petticoats, special value, \$5.98. Persian Mull and White Lawn Waists, 98c.

Doll's Day in the Store To-Day

Each little girl that comes to the store to-day, bringing her doll baby and accompanied by her mother or some other grown person, will receive, free, a pair of Burson Knitted Hose to fit her dolly.

Come to the Doll Department, Basement, Sixth Street.

IMMENSE SUMS FOR BETTERMENT

Louisville and Nashville Have Spent Forty-two Millions Out of Earnings.

A MODEL RAILROAD CITY

Notes of Interest of Railroads of the South — Much Construction Going On.

In the course of the discussion of Louisville and Nashville's next dividend and basis, a calculation has been made regarding the total amount diverted from earnings to build up the property since the closing of the construction account in 1895. It is authoritatively stated that by the close of the current fiscal year, about three months from now, the total amount so diverted and either expended on property paid into the sinking funds or added to reserve, will have amounted to between \$41,000,000 and \$42,000,000, or equal to more than two-thirds of the entire capital stock of the company. This would make the book value of Louisville and Nashville about \$10 a share. The property is now in the pink of physical condition from end to end.

The New York Central system has purchased 2,400 acres of land south of Indianapolis at a cost of \$50,000. Six hundred and forty acres will be used by the New York Central lines, including the "Big Four," Lake Erie and Western and the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern for general repair shops, to employ 3,000 men. The rest of the land will be used for construction of a model railroad city. The New York Central has appropriated \$3,500,000 for the work and will spend \$1,000,000 this year in the construction of sewers, pipe systems and streets. The town will be incorporated under the name of Beech Grove.

	1905.	1906.	1907.
Week end, Year to			
Anti-c. coal.	58,808	578,013	703,523
Bit. coal.	77,429	7,122,784	4,964,118
Coke.	286,491	2,468,587	1,949,146
Total	1,115,724	10,568,384	7,676,587

The Southern Railway Company has appointed traveling freight agents as follows: Mr. T. E. King, at Jacksonville, Fla.; vice Mr. W. J. Ayers, resigned; Mr. C. S. Gibson, at Anniston, Ala.; vice Mr. J. A. Smith, Jr., promoted.

The charter list of incorporators of the Glenville and Kanawha Railroad Company, which has been chartered to build from Glenville to Burnsville and Weston, is as follows: C. M. Bennett, Robert A. Russell, R. F. Kidd, W. J. Holden, M. B. Morris, James A. Tierney, J. N. Shackelford, H. L. Craddock, C. T. Whitling, C. W. Marsh, T. H. Griffith, Fred. Lewis, Howard R. Brannon, D. T. O'Brien and L. H. Barnett, all of Glenville.

Carpenter, Frazier and Boxley, of Clifton Forge, have, it is reported, been given a contract to change the main line of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway between Harborside and St. Albans, Va., about seven or eight miles. The firm also has a contract for extending the Coal River Railway.

John Skilton Williams is president at

COFFEE DISAGREES WITH MANY

There's health and strength from

POSTUM

Read "The Road to Wellville" found in the Y.M.C.

Richmond, Va., and J. M. Turner is general manager at Marion, S. C., for the Raleigh and Charleston Railroad—formerly the Carolina Northern—which, it is said, will be extended from Lumberton, N. C., to Fayetteville, N. C.

The Cairo and Kanawha Valley Railroad Company, has organized with the following officers: President, C. F. Teter; Vice-President, T. T. Cowell; Secretary and General Superintendent, C. B. Kefauver; Treasurer, C. T. Hiteshaw; General Manager, S. A. Moore; general counsel, Reese Biltzard. The headquarters will be in Parkersburg.

C. P. Peyton, chief engineer of the Charleston, Parkersburg and Western Railway, is reported as saying that the line will be about sixty miles long from Charleston via Sissonville, Spencer and Elizabeth to Parkersburg, W. Va.; also that eighty miles have been located, that right of way has been secured, and that it is expected to award contracts this season.

The Southern Railway Company will, it is reported, build new yards at Atlanta Junction, four miles from Rome. W. H. Wells is chief engineer of construction at Washington, D. C.

ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

C. A. Beckner Held for Alleged Highway Robbery.

C. A. Beckner, a young white man, faced the charge in Police Court yesterday morning of holding up Mr. C. W. Bowers and stealing a gold watch and chain and a pair of eyeglasses from his person.

Harry Northington, another young white man, arrested as a suspicious character, is alleged to be implicated in the highway robbery. Both men were held until the 23d, in order to give the detectives an opportunity to work up the case. The hold-up is alleged to have occurred last Saturday night at the corner of Mayo and Franklin Streets. The officers have been quietly working on the case since that time, and have landed Beckner and Northington, whom they believe to be guilty.

Detectives McMahon, Wiltshire and Gibson and Officer Bryant made the arrests, and are working for other evidence on the case.

Mad Dash Down Franklin.

The double team of horses belonging to Mr. Israel Stern, of No. 919 West Grace Street, created considerable excitement on Franklin Street yesterday morning, when the animals dashed down the thoroughfare at a break-neck speed. The team passed the Jefferson Hotel on a dead run. Many employees of the hotel and bystanders rushed to the street and waved brooms and hats in an effort to check the horses in their flight, but this was unsuccessful. The team was caught lower down on Franklin Street and neither horse was hurt in the least, nor was the vehicle damaged.

Supreme Court Proceedings.

Proceedings of the Supreme Court of Appeals yesterday were—Mayo, Heyson & Company vs. The Philadelphia Textile Company, fully argued by George J. Christian for the plaintiff in error, and C. V. Meredith for the defendant in error, and submitted.

Mason & Perkins vs. Post, partly argued by R. O. Bland and T. O. Bickford for plaintiff in error, and O. D. Batchelor for defendant in error, and continued. The next ten cases to be called are: Margulies Company vs. Harrington; Wright-Casner Tobacco Company vs. Hous & Company; Southern Railway Company vs. Housbrough's administration; Watts vs. Johnson & Bowman Real Estate Corporation; Vaughan Machine Company vs. Stanton Tanning Company; Vashon vs. Sullivan, assignee; Whitehead vs. Cape Henry Syndicate of ads; Tarrant and others vs. Corv; Dulaney vs. Dulaney and Reid vs. Rhodes.

Tobacco Sells Well.

Some fairly good prices were received on the floors of the tobacco warehouses yesterday. The highest price being \$21.00 for the Shookoe Warehouse. Fresh Warehouse sold 10,000 pounds, two lots of which, one of 20 pounds and the other of 25 pounds, brought \$19.00, the highest prices. These two lots belonged to Mr. S. H. Harris, of Hanover county, with \$19 as the highest price. Most of the week sold was less, for which an average of 8 cents was received. Shookoe Warehouse sold about 200 pounds, receiving \$22.00 as the highest price. In Stonewall Warehouse 2,000 pounds were sold, with \$15.00 as the best price.

For Bible Students.

Rev. James Buchanan and Rev. Robert Forsythe will both make addresses before the Sunday School Lesson Club, which has arranged an especially interesting program for the meeting this afternoon at 8 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. building. Both lecturers will use stereoscopic views, and illustrated songs will also be used. Sunday-school teachers and Bible students of all denominations are cordially invited to be present.

PUBLIC OPINION FOR PLAYGROUND

Miss Arent's Offer to Provide a Park for Children is Commended.

COUNCIL FAVORS SCHEME

Strong Forces at Work to Secure the Property for Hollywood.

The editorial which appeared in yesterday's Times-Dispatch calling attention to the crying need of a public playground for the children of Richmond, and urging the City Council to accept Miss Grace Arent's generous offer to purchase the Clark Springs property and convert it into a pleasure park for children, has been the subject of much favorable comment.

One prominent resident of Richmond, in discussing the matter, said that the Council could not afford to let such a wonderful opportunity pass. The city, he said, would be presented with a modern playground instead of having to expend possibly \$100,000 to build one.

Political Death.

"It would be political death for any man in public life to oppose such a humane gift to the people of this city," said a prominent lawyer.

What the Council will do, is not known, but it was learned that at least four of the five members of the subcommittee from the Council in charge of the matter to Miss Arent for the St. Andrew's Hall playgrounds, which will be free to every child of the city and suburbs.

Other Hearings.

It is said that the Hollywood Association has asked for another hearing before the sub-committee, and that the request has been granted with the understanding, however, that St. Andrew's Hall Committee will later be given a hearing.

It was learned that the Hollywood Association has a strong force behind it, working to control the Council in its direction, but it is not thought the Council will allow any idea of mercenary gain to interfere with the accomplishment of a charity that cannot too strongly appeal to every thoughtful citizen of Richmond, who has the interest of the children of the city at heart.

MR. BLAND TAKEN ILL.

Newport News Lawyer Stricken While Arguing in Court.

Mr. S. O. Bland, a Newport News attorney of prominence, was stricken in the Supreme Court-room yesterday afternoon, just as he was proceeding to open the argument in the case of Mason and Perkins, receivers vs. Post.

The lawyer had spoken but a few moments when he turned pale and tottered. Other attorneys rushed to his assistance and seated him in a chair. He was later taken into one of the conference rooms and treated by Dr. Craig, of the Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Bland was suffering from the effects of overwork, and came near having a serious collapse. He was later restored, and returned home on an evening train.

One Member Left.

So far as could be learned last night, the only out-of-town member of the Legislature still in the city was Hon. C. M. Patterson, Senator from the Buckingham district. Few public men of prominence were found about the hotel lobbies, and the managers of several said they felt keenly the fall which followed the leaving of the Legislature.

Some of the officers and clerks of the General Assembly, however, are still in the city, though most of them have gone to their homes. Doorkeeper Newhouse, of the lower branch, left yesterday. Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate Frank H. Watkins, of Charlotte, will remain in the city, having resumed his duties as a clerk in the first auditor's office. Clerks Button and Williams are still here, as is Mr. Brethman, who will be with Colonel Button in the office of insurance commissioners.

POWERFUL FORT AT CAPE HENRY

Baltimore Joins With Virginia in Urging Congress to Make Appropriation.

CITIES ARE UNPROTECTED

Times-Dispatch Nine Months Ago Advocated the Plan and Urged An Appropriation.

The rumor sent out from Baltimore and Norfolk of the proposed plan to construct a fort at Cape Henry, which will, with long range guns and mines, guard the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, and so protect Richmond, Newport News, Norfolk, Baltimore, Washington, Annapolis and other cities on the bay and its tributaries, is in direct line with a movement begun by The Times-Dispatch, for during last June this paper told the whole story while the army and navy maneuvers were in progress in Chesapeake Bay, and editorially advocated the plan, which means a saving of an immense sum annually to the government.

On June 18th The Times-Dispatch printed a special from Old Point, which said in part: "An officer of high rank is authority for the statement that behind these 'joint exercises' is more than the public knows. It has been given out, and there is no doubt of the truth of the assertion, that the occasion is for the practice of the coast artillery. This is true absolutely, but, it is said, the occasion goes beyond this, in an endeavor to ascertain just what protection Fort Monroe is to the cities of Annapolis, Baltimore and Washington, and whether it is necessary to erect a powerful fort at Cape Henry. The fortification is really the meat in the coconut of these 'joint army and navy exercises'."

"If Cape Henry is fortified, it will mean that Virginia will gain the most splendid artillery post in the world, and that many millions of dollars will be spent within the State."

"The matter is of vital importance to the city of Norfolk, which will profit immensely if the scheme is carried out. Army people are not eager to discuss the question, but it seems to be the opinion of artillery officers that there should be a defense at the Capes, no matter how great the cost may be."

"This is the secret reason for the maneuvers in Hampton Roads, and the importance of the question at issue is the reason why such absolute secrecy is maintained, why such strenuous activity prevails."

Urge Further Protection.

On June 17th The Times-Dispatch printed the following editorial: "The 'exercises' have also proved that Richmond, Norfolk, Newport News, the Navy-yard and the shipbuilding plant are jointly safe from the attack of a hostile fleet of almost any strength, and that Hampton Roads is a refuge for merchant marine in times of war. Fort Monroe and Wool (Jip Raps), control the entrance to Hampton Roads, but that is all. As a protection for Washington, Annapolis, Baltimore, West Point and the many thriving towns upon Chesapeake Bay, they are as powerless as if they never existed."

A hostile fleet, under our present defenses, is able to steam through the Capes and on towards any city on the bay or on the rivers that empty into it, without coming within fifteen miles of Fort Monroe, whose great twelve-inch guns are not effective beyond seven miles. A hostile fleet does not stand beyond one-half of the distance, and whose great six-inch searchlights could not "pick up" a ship passing so far away.

It may be said that the cities of the bay and its tributaries should be fortified. In a way this has been done, but coast defense experts have frankly said that neither Washington, or Baltimore, are adequately protected, while the other cities are without defense of any sort. They further say that if this country were at war to-morrow there is no reason why the enemy should not land forces at a point as close to Cape Henry as Baltimore and Washington could be bombarded, and indeed, the bay would be a source of endless danger to the country.

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It is but eleven miles from Cape to Cape, with a channel only four miles wide running close to the Cape Henry shore. Across on the Cape Charles side there is also an uncertain channel, through which in favorable weather, and at ebb tide, a fleetship can pass. This channel, being unobstructed, is a direct route for an enemy's fleet, and a mine-field planted in the entrance to Chesapeake Bay would prove so formidable that no navy in the world has ever attempted the passage.

The construction of this fortification would, it goes without saying, be of great advantage in every way to the State of Virginia. This is true, but no less true is it that Cape Henry, fortified, will be an immense menace to the whole country, opening the whole area touched by Chesapeake Bay as a supply base in time of war.

The army board has recommended that the work be done, and the matter is not being carefully considered by the Secretary of War.

It was to decide the question that the "joint army and navy exercises" were held, and the outcome has only strengthened the belief that the government is right in the stand they have taken, recommending the construction of a great fortification at Cape Henry, whose chief armament will be batteries of sixteen-inch guns and mortars.

LOVE FOR CHICKEN.

Aged Henry Williams, Colored, Didn't, However, Steal the Hen.

Henry Williams, an aged negro, was the defendant in Police Court yesterday morning on a warrant charging the theft of one hen. Judge Volaski was the complainant.

It from Williams, but that Williams would not let him have the chicken. "Ah, bought de chicken from Mr. Shinnahill, dar," said the darkey. Mr. Shinnahill said that this was true, and the old man was fine man, but he could procure a civil warrant and try to get the chicken, but no other way.

A woman who was with Volaski wanted to ask if the word of a negro was better than the word of a white man, but the gavel fell with a heavy thud, and there were none who did not know that it meant that conversation meant the case must cease.

"Judge, do me the favor of sending me to the pen for ten days," asked Thomas O'Rourke, as he ambled up to the bar in Police Court yesterday morning.

"I hate like thunder to do it, Tom, for to-morrow is St. Patrick's Day, and you will miss something if you are in confinement. But so long as you make the request, I'll let you go to jail."

Edward Berry got ten days in the hotel for not having the \$2.50 assessed against him.

DR. GRANT TO SPEAK.

Meeting for Men Will Be Held at Broad Street M. E. Church.

Activity in things that make for manhood, education, and the word of the Central Y. M. C. A. these days. The big men's meeting of to-morrow afternoon will be held at the Broad Street M. E. Church, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. There will be a quartet, orchestra, and organ recital, and the speaker will be the equal of any man who has addressed great theatre meetings for men in many of the large cities under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Roland D. Grant, the great Baptist divine of international reputation, will be the speaker. The big meeting will be held at Broad Street Methodist Church, beginning at 3:30 o'clock. There will be an organ recital half an hour before the meeting. Admission will be free.

Mr. D. W. Sims, superintendent of Pine Hills Baptist Sunday school, the largest Sunday school in the South, will speak to boys at 2:30 o'clock in the Y. M. C. A. big hall. Mr. S. K. Phillips will sing.

Treat for Sunday School Workers.

An unusually attractive programme has been prepared for the meeting of Sunday school workers at the Young Men's Christian Association this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Robert W. Forsyth, the new rector of St. Paul's, and Rev. James Buchanan, of the Associated Churches, will speak, and there will be stereopticon views, and "Songs in the Dark" under the leadership of General Secretary McKee. Dr. Pell will not deliver his usual lecture, as to-morrow is review Sunday in most of the Sunday schools of the city. President T. W. Ward of the Sunday School Study Club extends a cordial invitation to all Sunday school people to be present.

Mrs. May Painfully Burned.

Mrs. S. C. May, of No. 55 North Twenty-second street, was badly burned about the body yesterday morning by having her hair caught from the fire in the grate in her room.

Friends heard her screams and rushing in smothered the flames before they reached her head. An ambulance was summoned at once, and Dr. C. E. Gee, family physician, was also called and Mrs. May was made as comfortable as possible. The burns are not very serious.

THE COAL DEALERS ARE PLEASED AT COAL RATE

Competition of N. & W. Gives Them a New Source of Supply.

There were no new developments in the coal rate situation on yesterday.

The officials of both the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western declined to discuss the matter further than to deny the rumor that is being circulated to the effect that the combination which existed between the two subsidiaries of the Pennsylvania Railroad, by which Richmond and Newport News was controlled by the Chesapeake and Ohio, and Petersburg, Norfolk and Portsmouth by the Norfolk and Western, has been broken owing to the strength of public approval and the activity of the State Corporation Commission.

A large coal dealer of the city said last night, "I believe the story printed in the Times-Dispatch this morning sets forth exactly the conditions surrounding the coal situation and the reasons of the publication of a level rate by both the Chesapeake and Ohio, and the Norfolk and Western. We think the Norfolk and Western has treated us very badly in the past and we are glad of the new rate."

It does not mean that we will secure a lower rate, for the rate now of \$1.50 was the old rate published by the Chesapeake and Ohio. The Norfolk and Western has met that rate, and this is the whole story, except that Richmond dealers now have two means of securing coal, where formerly they had only one. "I do not expect to see any reduction of the present rate, as it is a very low one."

The outcome of the present equality of rates means that Richmond, Newport News, Petersburg, Norfolk and Portsmouth are now securing coal at the same rate, and are not compelled by arbitrary rates to purchase from but one source of supply.



A good thing to have. A gin of quality that all men appreciate. Insures strength, vim and vigor.

All good dealers sell it "B. & B." Atlanta

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\$10,000 REWARD will be paid to any man who can prove this statement.

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AS GOOD AS HIGHER PRICED SHOES. "I have been wearing W. L. Douglas \$3.50 shoes for the past 15 years or more, and have found them to be the most satisfactory in every respect. They wear as well as shoes that cost me more money." R. B. GREEN.

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MEN'S \$2.50 SHOES. A full line in all leathers of \$2.50 shoes for those who do not care to pay \$3.50 for their footwear. Ask to see them.

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W. L. Douglas \$3.50 & \$2.50 Shoe Store in Richmond: 623 E. Broad St.

SOCIAL CLUBS NOW THE ISSUE

Justice Crutchfield Says "Fake Clubs in Richmond Have Got to Go."

MANY WITNESSES CALLED

One Case to Come Up To-day. Two Cases Yet Tried in the Hustings Court.

The social club war is on in earnest, and is a live issue in the courts of the city at this time.

Three cases will be called in the Police Court this morning, but it is thought only one, that of Conrad Voland, charged with selling liquor without a license will be tried.

The others will go over to some future day.

Several cases where there have been convictions in the Police Court, have been sent on to the Hustings Court and are now pending there.

The only two that have been tried in the court above, resulted in verdicts for the clubs, it having been shown that they were living within the law.

Conrad Voland, bartender of the Richmond Club at Tenth and Broad Streets, will be given a hearing in Police Court this morning on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday without a license. While this specific charge is lodged against Mr. Voland, it is at the social issue that the officials are aiming their thrusts.

Many Witnesses.

Chief of Police Louis Werner, acting upon a suggestion from Justice Crutchfield, has summoned some half a hundred or more members of the club, and these will be asked this morning whether or not they ever paid an initiation fee or have paid dues regularly.

Justice Crutchfield is expected to have all the members of the clubs summoned before him when he heard a case some time ago, and in the matter of the Richmond Club he will carry into effect this idea. He believed that in this way he can reach the bottom of the business.

"Fake clubs in Richmond have got to go," said Justice Crutchfield, in speaking of the matter.

There are three club cases to be called in court this morning, but it is a safe prediction that not more than one will be heard.

Mr. John Fitzgerald, the Baldwin detective, who is alleged to have purchased drinks from all of the clubs, will be the principal witness in the examination today.

Issue is Sharp.

The issue is a sharp and lively one in the city, especially since the Legislature failed to make any declaration of the law with reference to social clubs.

Up to this time, only two cases have actually been tried in the Hustings Court. Several others have been sent on, however, and are now pending. Over some of these lively legal battles are expected.

In the cases tried the verdicts were "not guilty," it having been clearly shown by the evidence that both the clubs involved were bona fide organizations with no taint of illegality, and that they had complied with all the restrictions and limitations put upon them. They were both negro organizations, one having been the "Sixth Virginia Club" and the other the "Virginia Social Club."

The issue of both organizations was exhibited in court, and it was clearly proven to the satisfaction of the court and jury that they had lived fairly within the law.

CLEVER MISS MARBLE.

"Nancy Brown" at the Bijou is Drawing Packed Houses.

Miss Mary Marble, the bright particular star in "Nancy Brown" at the Bijou, is drawing crowded houses and hearing her sing "Robinson Crusoe's Tale" and "Lovey Dovey."

The last-named song is the hit of the musical comedy, and both Miss Marble and the other actors are doing well with her. She is secured so often that they absolutely suffer from weariness.

Miss Marble is a dainty little comedienne who has placed in the affections of the Richmond public, and is as clever as she is charming.

The Bijou is practically sold out for the matinee today, and the final performance to-night.

Meeting Closed Last Night.

The revival services which have been in progress at the Second Baptist Church for the past two weeks closed last night with a sermon by Rev. Dr. T. J. Taylor of Petersburg. There have been twenty-five conversions during the meeting, and six or twenty-one additions to the church.

LOOKING NOW TO HIGHER THINGS

Having Disposed of Legislature, Democrats Turn Their Eyes to Congressional Fights.

SOME TO HAVE NO OPPOSITION

Jones, Lamb, Glass, Hay, Rixey, and Flood are Probably in This Class.

Now that the interest and excitement incident to the spirited session of the Legislature are in the past, Democrats all over the State are turning their eyes toward the congressional battles this fall, and are lining up strongly behind their respective favorites in districts where there will be contests inside the party.

It looks as if at this time, at least, five of the Democratic incumbents from Virginia will have no opposition for re-nomination. These are: Messrs. Jones, of the First; Lamb, of the Third; Glass, of the Sixth; Hay of the Seventh; Rixey, of the Eighth; and Flood, of the Ninth.

Several names have been mentioned in connection with congressional honors in this district, but it is not thought Captain Lamb will be made to fight for another term. There was talk of Speaker W. D. Caldwell, of Hanover, but he will likely not enter. Rumor had some time ago that former Governor A. J. Montague might take a shot at Captain Lamb's seat. That gentleman has said that he has not entertained any such intentions, and will not be a candidate.

Mayor Says No.

Now it is Mayor McCarthy whose name is heard among the political gossips, but the city executive laughs at the suggestion, and says he will not run. So it looks like a clear field for Captain Lamb, at least one more time, and a triumphant election over all comers at the polls in November.

There is going to be a powerful "scrap" in the Second, where Congressman Harry L. Maynard has won the honors of representative for several terms. Judge D. Tucker, Baron of Norfolk, will be one of his competitors for the nomination, and Colonel George C. Cabell, Jr., of the same city, another. Hon. Robert W. Withers, of Nansemond, may enter, as may also Delegate Gaines, of Norfolk. At any rate, Mr. Maynard has a battle on his hands. The past he has said himself to be a good fighter, and simply able to take care of himself in any contest.

Hot in the Fourth.

Another sharp struggle is over in the Fourth, where Representative Southall has two live competitors. One is former Congressman Francis Rives Lassiter, and the other Colonel William Henry Mann, both of Petersburg. It is said that Judge Rives, of the Fourth, of Greensville, who opposed Mr. Southall two years ago, may enter the list, but so far he has not definitely announced his intentions with regard to the matter.

Mr. Lassiter has already made a negative preliminary canvass of the district, but the other aspirants have not gone this far in the light. They are at work, however, and the struggle promises to be peppery from now until the primary is held.

In the Fifth District there is no representative at present, owing to the resignation of Governor Swanson. No special election will be held, and Circuit Judge E. W. Saunders, of Franklin, will be the nominee for the full term in the Sixth Congress without opposition.

In a Doubtful State.

What the Democrats in the Ninth will do is a live issue, but the leaders out there who protested against the Legislature cutting off the five eastern counties declared that they had hopes of redeeming the district and making it again Democratic.

Some of those whose names are mentioned for the nomination in this fall are former Congressman W. F. Riven, of Bristol, former States Senator R. P. Bruce, Hon. R. Tate Irvine, of Wise, and Senator Peyton F. St. Clair, of Giles.

Several of the Democratic district committees have already met and fixed dates for holding their primaries. In each case the dates, some time in June, and the assessments \$200 given for the candidates. The committees that have so far acted are those for the First, Seventh, and Tenth Districts. "The others will meet shortly from time to time."

Visiting His Uncle.

Colonel Robert L. Lee, Jr., member of the House from Fairfax, is spending a few days with his uncle, Captain Robert Lee, at the latter's farm on Pamunkey River. Colonel Lee will return here next week en route for his home.